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The Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County is privileged to co-host the Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir. These ambassadors of Welsh culture bring with them a tradition of musical excellence that is the pride of both their homeland and that of the American Welsh community.

Your pilgrimage to these valleys reminds us of the shared culture and history that began here more than 185 years ago, and continues to this day. There will always be a welcome in these valleys for you, and Wales.

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GREETINGS TO OUR WELSH FRIENDS !



It is with great pleasure that our city
welcomes you to share and embrace our
collective traditions and heritage.

Honorable Justin M. Taylor
Mayor, Carbondale, PA

Carbondale's Welsh Roots

By S. Robert Powell

The City of Carbondale has very deep Welsh roots.

Shortly after the opening of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale, on October 9, 1829, the D&H, in order to meet market demands for anthracite coal, made the decision to conduct deep underground mining by means of shafts. To secure the expertise needed to establish shaft mines, the D&H, in the summer of 1830, recruited in Wales twenty mining families and brought them to Carbondale, where they arrived on July 14, 1830.

Those Welsh miners established for the D&H in June 1831 in Carbondale the first deep underground anthracite shaft mine in America. The mining engineer in charge was Archibald Law. That mine opening was on the north side of Seventh Avenue on the west side of the D&H tracks, at the D&H Seventh Avenue crossing in Carbondale.

Additional Welsh miners were soon recruited by the D&H and, in October and November of 1832, a party of seventy Welsh miners and their families came to Carbondale. Those Welsh pioneers were soon followed by many thousands of Welsh men and women and their families who came to Carbondale and the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys to work in the anthracite coal mines and to begin in America new lives for themselves.

The Welsh roots of Carbondale can all be traced to those 90 families of Welsh pioneers. Associated with those pioneer Welsh settlers and their descendants are two very interesting and important "firsts" for Carbondale in the history of the Welsh in America.

1. The first Welsh *eisteddfod* (a festival with a focus on language, literature, music, and scholarly contests) to be held in America took place in Carbondale on Christmas Day, 1850. Among the literarians and musicians who participated were Daniel Davies, Rev. John Moses, Thomas Eynon, Rev. Thomas J. Phillips, and Edward Jones. These were the pioneer *eisteddfoddyro*f America.

2. The first lodge in America of the ancient Welsh fraternal order, The Philanthropic Order of True Ivorites, was established in Carbondale in the fall of 1853, with the first public Ivorite celebration in America taking place in Carbondale in August 1855, when a procession through the principal streets of Carbondale and other public exercises took place, under the direction of Thomas Voyle, Esquire, chief marshal, and Edward Roberts, Esquire. Other members of the Order were Robert S. Roberts, Esq., Enoch Jones, Thomas M. Jones, William E. Jones, John Jenkins, Sen., Thomas J. Phillips, Evan Lumley, Llewelyn Hughes, Rev. David Williams, and Rev. William Evans.

In addition, these Welsh pioneer settlers in Carbondale established here three Welsh churches:

Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church. This church was organized as early as 1832 or 1833. The original leaders in Carbondale were Evan Price, John Evans, Daniel Moses and Daniel Scurry. For some time before building the church, meetings were held every Sabbath, alternately at the houses of the members. The first minister was Rev. John Davis, and the first regular preacher was Rev. John Griffiths. A Sunday-school was held in the church nearly every Sunday.

First Baptist Church of Carbondale. This church, with 43 constituent members, was organized in the spring of 1833. The house of worship was on South Church Street. In 1880, there were 120 members of this church, with William Davies as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Welsh Congregational Church. This church was organized around 1835. The church building was on South Church Street. The pastor, in 1880, was Rev. L. Williams.

In celebration of Carbondale's Welsh roots, the Carbondale Historical Society established, in 2004, a Saint David's Day Committee (Barbara James Campbell, Jeffrey Nepa, Joseph Pascoe, S. Robert Powell, and Eleanor Spellman) and on March 1, 2004 hosted the first Saint David's Day Dinner, Concert, and Historical Program in Carbondale. Since then, Welsh Heritage Evenings have been held annually in Carbondale on Saint David's Day. At all of these celebrations, the Saint David's Welsh Male Chorus of Scranton, under the direction of Mrs. Fran Justin, has performed. This chorus, which was organized in 1949 by William R. Hughes, is very active throughout the year in Scranton and northeastern Pennsylvania.

These concerts in Carbondale and Scranton in October 2015 by the Swansea Valley Celebration Male Choir are a wonderful celebration of Carbondale's Welsh roots and of the Welsh heritage of northeastern Pennsylvania. Those ninety Welsh families who came to Carbondale in the 1830s are with us in spirit tonight. Let's remember them always, and especially here and now, as we celebrate our Welsh heritage, knowing, as we do, that

To be born Welsh is to be born privileged,
not with a silver spoon in your mouth, but
with music in your blood and poetry in your soul.

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I was born in Havenfordwest and raised in Brawdy, Wales. Growing up in Wales, I heard the Welsh language, played rugby, and experienced Welsh tradition and culture.

I came to America in 2001. My wife, Dorothy, my son, Mathew and I live here in NEPA. I have three sons, David, Thomas and Johnathan who live in Wales.

Our American home in NEPA is an appropriate place for a Welshman to settle, as thousands of us have done so over the last two centuries.

Carbondale, in particular, is especially a proper place to be welcoming a Welsh choir. "In the 1830s, it was reported, residents of the anthracite field near Carbondale, upon "hearing the strong minor chords of Welsh hymns on the frosty night air for the first time, got out of bed to listen." Another observer declared that "one of the grandest rehearsals it was ever my good fortune to listen to was the singing of 'Coronation' by the miners a mile underground."

This is where the Welsh began their infusion of technology and culture. From here choral traditions spread throughout the region and beyond the Welsh community. From here grew an inspired regional excellence and competitiveness that dominated nationally and even took honors in Wales.

On behalf of the Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County, welcome, and thank you for keeping the traditions alive in such a grand manner.

Michael Hill, President

Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County

CÔR DATHLU CWMTAWE MALE CHOIR

The Choir was formed at Ystradgynlais in November 2011 under the leadership of **Conway Morgan** who is Head of the Creative Arts Faculty at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr, a bi-lingual High School in Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire. Conway is an honours graduate in Music from the University of Wales, Cardiff where he studied piano and cello, and has been the organist at St. Cynog's Church in Ystradgynlais since 1978. He was the organist, accompanist, and deputy Musical Director of Côr Meibion Ystradgynlais under the leadership of Leighton Jenkins, and became the Musical Director when Leighton retired in 2000.

The Choir's accompanist is **David Lyn Rees** M.D. who took a first degree in Natural Sciences from Girton College at the University of Cambridge, and then graduated from the School of Medicine, Cardiff University. He is now working at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, and would like to practise as a Primary Care Physician.

Helen Gibbon has won the Soprano Solo Competition at the National Eisteddfod of Wales on four occasions; and has toured internationally. Helen has a degree in Latin from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth where she also studied singing. She has also sung in musical theatre, and trained children's choirs which she accompanied on tours to Holland and North America. She taught High Schools in Ystalyfera, Llandeilo, and in Carmarthen, and now entertains audiences as a soloist and as the conductor of a mixed-voice choir called CôrTŷ Tawe which is based in Swansea.

Ffion Hâf Jones graduated in Mathematics from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth before studying for an accountancy qualification, and is now a C.P.A. in Swansea. At the National Eisteddfod of Wales, she won the Lieder Solo in 2013 and the Contralto Solo Competition. At this year's National Eisteddfod of Wales she won the Blue Riband (the David Ellis Memorial Prize) as the best classical vocal soloist. Ffion Hâf and David Lyn were both pupils of Conway's at High School, as were the three tenors who are singing with the Choir on this Tour. **Luke James**, **Sion Matthey**, and **Finley Bizzell-Browning** have recently graduated and are now at College studying Music and Drama.

Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir was formed the year after a Choir from Ystradgynlais had visited Scranton, Carbondale, Shamokin, and Wilkes-Barre in May 2010. It includes choristers who sang with Côr Meibion Ystradgynlais and some who still also sing with Côr y Gyrlais, Morriston Rugby Club Choir, Dunvant Pontarddulais Male Choir. The Choir has two female soloists with them on this Tour, and three guest Tenors.

The Choir's first President was Dr. Rowan Williams (Baron Williams of Oystermouth) who was born in Ystradgynlais and recently retired as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Williams has been succeeded by Lord John Thomas (Baron Thomas of Cwmgiedd) who is the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and owns a house nearby Ystradgynlais.



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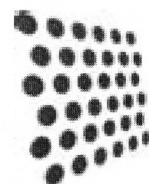
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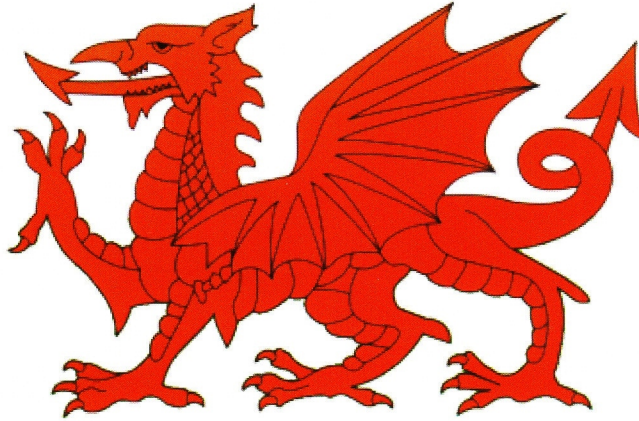
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Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe
Swansea Valley Celebration Male Choir

First Underground Mine Monument Program
Carbondale, PA, Monday, October 26, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

Welcome

Ted Frutchey
Carbondale Historical Society

Prayer at the Monument

The Rev. Donald Schaible, Rector
Trinity Episcopal Church

The Star Spangled Banner

Carbondale Area High School Band
Theron Roberts, Director

Anthem

Reverend Eli Jenkins' Prayer from
Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas
Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe
Conway Morgan, Director

Announcements

Ted Frutchey

(over)

Buffet Dinner, Best Western Pioneer Plaza
25 South Main Street, Carbondale, October 26, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

Welcome

Ted Frutchey

Carbondale Area Junior High Choir

Christopher Shuster, Director

Invocation

The Rev. Donald Schaible, Rector
Trinity Episcopal Church

Buffet Dinner

Remarks

Ted Frutchey

Welcome

Mick Hill, President
Lackawanna County Saint David's Society

Remarks

Dr. S. Robert Powell, President
Carbondale Historical Society

Eagle Scout Tribute

Ted Frutchey, Carbondale Historical Society
Selwyn Morris, Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

Josh Lawler, Eagle Scout
Brandon Frutchey, Eagle Scout candidate
Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America

Proclamations and Presentations

Ted Frutchey

Senator John P. Blake, Pennsylvania State Senate, 22nd District
Mr. Larry West, on behalf of Senator Blake
Lackawanna County Commissioner
The Honorable Justin M. Taylor, Mayor of Carbondale
Alan George, President, Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

A Musical Offering

Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

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Ted Frutchey

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Council for the City of Carbondale

Monday, June 15, 2015

6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor / City Administrator
Honorable Justin M. Taylor

City Council

Dr. Joseph Marzzacco – Pres.
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Gerald Arnese
Kathleen Connor
John Gigliotti
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Frank Galko / Dave Hachan

Parks & Recreation Director
Brian Durkin

Emergency Management
Coordinator
Tim Baron

City Engineer
KBA Engineering

Parking Meter Enforcement
Shannon Andzulis

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Presentation by VFW

Information from Lackawanna County

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Report of the Finance Office

1. Monthly Finance Report

2. Approval of invoices for the month

Report of Departments

1. Police Department

2. Code Enforcement Office

3. Department of Public Works

4. Fire Department

5. Community Development

a. Approval of Reports

b. Approval of Monthly Invoices

6. Department of Parks and Recreation

7. Parking Meter Enforcement

Petitions and Communications to Council

1. Carbondale Historical Society informing Council and the City of the upcoming Welch Choir visit.

Resolutions

1. Resolution of the Council No. 02; 2015: A resolution making an appointment to the Carbondale Housing Authority

Ordinances For Introduction

Ordinances To Be Voted Upon

Bid Openings

Report of Administrator / Mayor

Old / Unfinished Business

1. Masonic Temple (25 Salem Avenue) Demolition

2. Sale of Fire Truck

New Business

1. Authorization to solicit proposals for Scoop-out Loan

2. Authorization to approve a Neighborhood Reinvestment Tax Abatement Application; 101 Forty Second Street

3. Approval of Repository Sale Property at 182 Wyoming Street

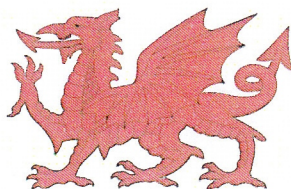
4. Authorization to Purchase Recycling Bins

Privilege to Address Council

Motion for Adjournment

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Welsh Male Voice Choir



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7 PM

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Main Street

Special Guests

Scranton HS Knight Rhythms

Lisa McConloge, Director

Contact: Ted Frutchev patfru544@aol.com

Jerry Williams gwylm@echoes.net

Valley View HS Choir

Gina Lupini, Director

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Press Release

50 Voice Welsh Male Choir Will Tour NEPA

A pilgrimage from the Swansea Valley of Wales to the Lackawanna Valley brings together two nations, two generations, and our communities through song.

Carbondale, PA, October 1, 2015: *Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe*, a 50 voice Swansea Valley Celebration Male Choir, under Conway Morgan, will perform in Scranton at the Elm Park Methodist Church, 7PM on Oct. 27th and in Carbondale at Best Western Pioneer Plaza, 7PM on Oct. 29th. The choir will be joined in Scranton by the Scranton HS Knight Rhythms, Lisa McConloge, Director, and in Carbondale by the Valley View HS Choir, Gina Lupini, Director. Enjoy the performance of Welsh traditional, American spiritual, classical, and modern selections. Facebook: CD Choir US Tour 2015

October 26th, 5:30PM, the choir arrives in Carbondale for a ceremony at the 7th Ave. mine monument with the Carbondale HS Band. Following the miners tribute, the choir will be feted at 6PM with a dinner at the Best Western Pioneer Plaza. The choir will be welcomed and presented with proclamations by regional and local officials. There will be selections by the Carbondale HS Chorus, Mr. Christopher Schuster, Director.

October 28th, 7 PM, the Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce hosts a reception at the Main St. Chamber facility for the choir featuring a performance by Carbondale's *Classic Voices*.

This pilgrimage from the Swansea Valley to the Lackawanna Valley revisits our shared heritage in coal, iron, and song that spans more than 185 years since Welsh families first arrived here. From its very beginning, Lackawanna County's history has been connected to Wales. The 1830 recruitment of 90 Welsh mining families to

Carbondale had a profound and generative impact both economically and culturally on Carbondale, Scranton, and our nation. The Welsh recruitments brought the first underground mine in 1830, and in 1840 Welsh anthracite iron workers wrought the Scranton Iron Furnaces. Thus, came to be the tools and the fuel for America's Industrial Revolution.

For over a hundred years, a culture of choral superlatives was launched by the first North American eisteddfod in Carbondale in 1850. (A Welsh festival of literature and music.) In the ensuing decades, these choral traditions spread throughout the region and beyond the Welsh community.

- Our valleys sent five, 300 voice choirs to the Philadelphia Bicentennial.
- The Scranton Catholic Choral Association held competitive music festivals in 1891-1892 featuring over 20 choirs, 25 singing societies, and 65 soloists.
- Scranton took 1st place in the choral competition of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir coming in 2nd.
- The 1928 Scranton Anthracite Chorus took 1st place at the Royal National Eisteddfod in Wales confirming the exceptional talent of the Lackawanna Valley.

To celebrate our connections to Wales, and our choral traditions, The Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir makes this pilgrimage from the Swansea Valley to the Lackawanna Valley and invites two of our best youth choirs to bring together two nations, two generations, and our communities through song.

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the concert.

Carbondale Concert: Pioneer Plaza (570) 536-6020, Carbondale City Clerk's Office
GC Chamber of Commerce, Main St.

Scranton Concert: Elm Park Church, Scranton, (570) 342-8263.

Lackawanna County Historical Society, Scranton (570)-344-3841

This project was supported by: The Carbondale Historical Society, **The Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County**, The Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, **The City of Carbondale**, **The Best Western Hotel, Pioneer Plaza, Carbondale**, a Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture Grant, a program of Lackawanna County Commissioners Corey D. O'Brien, Jim Wansacz and Patrick M. O'Malley, **Neal M. Davis, D.O., FAAFP**, Senator John P. Blake, **The Carbondale YMCA**, Gentex Corp.



Welsh Male Voice Choir
Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

50 Voice Swansea Valley Celebration Male Choir

October 27, 2015, 7PM

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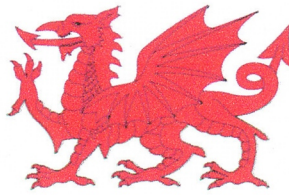
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Choir meet in Ballroom

16.15 Staging & Sound

Arrival Ceremony at Monument

17.30 **Dress** **Black Trousers / Navy Polo / Fleece**
Eli Jenkins' Prayer

Buffet Reception at Hotel

18.30 **Dress** **Black Trousers / Navy Polo**

Remainder of Evening

FREE

Tuesday 27-Oct Morning

FREE

Buffet Lunch at Hotel

14.30

Coaches leave for Scranton

16.30 **Dress** **Evening Suits & Accessories**

Elm Park Baptist Church

17.15 Staging & Sound

Concert

19.00

Leave Scranton for Hotel

21.30 Bar Available

Wednesday

28-Oct FREE DAY

Lackawanna Mine Tour

10.00

Casino Visit

10.00

Tannersville Shopping Mall

10.00

FREE DAY

UNTIL

18.45 - 6:45 PM.

Chamber of Commerce

7 PM

18.45 **Reception** **Black Trousers / Navy Polo / Fleece**

Thursday

29-Oct FREE MORNING

Buffet Lunch

14.30

Staging & Sound

TBA

Concert

19.00 **Dress** **Evening Suits & Accessories**

Afterglow

21.30 Till Late

Friday

30-Oct Leave Carbondale

10.00 **Dress** **Casual**

Arrive Trinity Bethlehem

12.00 Staging & Sound

Best Western Hotel

13.30

Afternoon / Evening

FREE No meals provided except Breakfast

11 AM - 1 hour
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→ 10 AM - Photo

Saturday 31-Oct Free Day FREE No meals provided except Breakfast

Leave for Concert	17.30	Dress	Evening Suits & Accessories
Concert	18.30		
Reception after Concert	21.00		
Return to Hotel	22.00	Till Late	

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Free Time

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SECOND FLIGHT PASSENGERS Leave Liberty Park 18.30

Flight BA 188 21.25

Monday 02-Nov Coaches meet Flights for return travel to Ystradgynlais

Choir performs



Members of the Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir of Wales are briefly accompanied by the Scranton High School Knight Rhythms at Elm Park United Methodist Church in Scranton on Tuesday. The choir is touring the United States and will have its next concert in Carbondale on Thursday at the Best Western Pioneer Plaza.

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IN CONCERT
COR DATHILU CWMTAWE
50 VOICE MALE CHOIR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
VALLEY VIEW HS CHORUS
UNDER DIRECTION OF MS GINA LUPINI

OCT 29, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

BEST WESTERN – PIONEER PLAZA
MAIN ST.
CARBONDALE, PA

USA 2015 TOUR CHOIR

TENOR 1

Roger Castle
Gareth Davies
Brian Davies
Wyn Elias Davies
Noel Davies
Gerald Evans
David Hewlett
Gerwyn Leyshon
Lindsay Morgan
Jeff Ripton

BARITONE

Royden Bevan
Mike Evans
Robert George
Mike John
Alun Jones
Terry Jones
Brian Llewellyn
Arwyn Morgan
John Allan Morgan
Keith Phillips
Kenneth Richmond
Colin Stroud
William Thomas
Patrick Ward
Huw Williams
Rhys Williams

ARTISTS

Helen Gibbon
Ffion Haf Jones

TENOR 2

Paul Baker
Finley David Bizzel-
Browning
David Alwyn Hughes
Andrew Ingram
Luke Anthony James
Howard Jones
Gordon Llewellyn
David Jeffrey Lloyd
John Brandon Lundie
Sion Morgan Matthey
David Allan Owen

BASS

Alan Brown
Alistair Davies
Alan George
Clive Johns
Ben Tudor Lewis
Richard Morgan
Selwyn Morris
Owen Pugh
Douglas Roberts

MUSIC STAFF

Conway Morgan
Musical Director

David Lyn Rees
Accompanist

SONGS FOR THE USA 2015

Concert program inent

The repertoire for each concert will be taken from the following list :

Perhaps Love
You Raise Me Up
The Rose
An American Trilogy
Softly As I Leave You

Tribute to the USA
Now is the Hour
New York, New York
Aus Der Traube
Llanfair
Gwahoddiad
Mi Glywaf Dyner Lais
Salm 23
Tangnefeddwyr
Y Cwm
Finlandia
Three Welsh Greats

Anthem (Chess)

Think of Me (Phantom of the Opera)
Can You Feel the Love Tonight
(Lion King)
I Dreamed a Dream (Les Miserables)

Bring Him Home (Les Miserables)

Bui Doi (Miss Saigon)

The Last Night of the World
(Miss Saigon)
Superstar

John Denver, arr. C.A.Morgan
Graham, Løvland arr. R. Emerson
Amanda McBroom arr. D.L. Jenkins
Trad. arr. M. Newbury / A. Humphreys
Calabrese / de Vita, trans. Sharper,
arr. A. Simmons
1 Berlin. 2 Key, Smith arr. A. Humphrey
Scott, Kaihu, arr. A. Humphreys
Ebb, Kander, arr. A. Humphreys
Theobald Kerner
Robert Williams, arr. M. Thomas
Hartshough, trans. Gwyllt
Hartshough, trans. Gwyllt, arr. D. Roberts
Euros Rhys Evans, arr. D.L. Jenkins
Eric Jones
Huw Chiswell, arr. C.A. Morgan
Jean Sibelius arr. H. James
Joseph Parry, Daniel Protheroe
arr. D. L. Jenkins
Andersson / Ulvaeus /
Rice, arr. C.A. Morgan
Rice, Webber, arr. A. Humphreys
Tim Rice / Elton John, arr. C.A.Morgan
Schönberg / Boublil / Kretzmer,
arr. J. Leavitt
Schönberg / Boublil / Kretzmer,
arr. J. Leavitt
Schönberg / Boublil / Maltby,
arr. D.L. Rees
Schönberg / Boublil / Maltby,
arr. C.A. Morgan
Tim Rice / Andrew Lloyd Webber,
arr. Thomas

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High School Choir

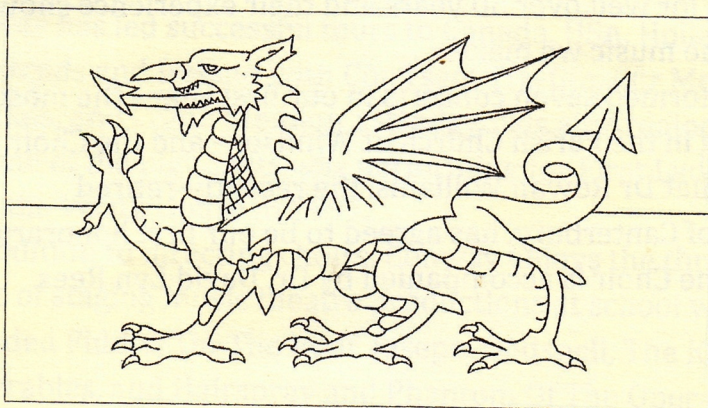
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Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

in concert

7:00pm

Thursday, October 29, 2015



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Carbondale, Pennsylvania

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Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe formally came into existence in November 2011, but has been evolving since May 2010 when a group of choristers under the leadership of Conway Morgan visited the area around Scranton, Pennsylvania to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the local St. David's Society.

2011 marked the 150th anniversary of the building of St. Cynog's Church in Ystradgynlais, and the touring group and others were invited to give two concerts to celebrate the occasion, and to help raise money for the maintenance of the building. It is this Choir which has become Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir.

The choristers live in the Swansea, Dulais and Amman valleys, in the City and County of Swansea and in Neath Port Talbot. Many are also members of other Choirs in Ystradgynlais, Morriston, Onllwyn, Dunvant and Pontardulais, while some have been encouraged to return to a male choir after several years' absence. Although Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe is young, many of its members have been singing for well over 50 years and their experience shows through in the music we make.

We performed seven concerts in our first year - the most distant being in the Parish Church of Windsor - and the Choir is very proud that Dr Rowan Williams, the recently-retired Archbishop of Canterbury, has agreed to be our first honorary President. The Choir is accompanied by Dr. David Lyn Rees.

Director, Conway Morgan is an honours graduate in music from the University Of Wales, Cardiff, where he studied Piano with Richard McMahon and Arnold Draper, and Cello with Sharon McKinley. He followed this course with a post-graduate certificate in education, again at University College Cardiff, with Dr William Salaman and Dr Piers Spencer.

He has been Organist at St Cynog's Church in Ystradgynlais since 1978 during which time he has organised a number of fundraising concerts in support of the Church Restoration Fund. He is also responsible for the very successful annual Community Carol Service which he launched in 1981, and is just as popular today.

Over the years Conway has been associated with a number of choirs in the area. From 1978-1983 he was the assistant accompanist of the Gyrlais Male Choir, and from 1982-1984 he was the accompanist for Trebanos Mixed Choir.

In 1984 he was appointed as the organist of Côr Meibion Ystradgynlais and this was the start of his long association with the Choir under the guidance of Mr D. Leighton Jenkins. Conway became the Choir's accompanist and deputy musical director in 1990, and he was appointed Musical Director on Leighton's retirement in 2000.

Conway has led successful tours to Canada, USA, Holland, Channel Islands and Ireland with Côr Ysgol Tre-Gib, Côr Meibion Ystradgynlais, and Corau Meibion Ystradgynlais a'r Ardaloedd Cyfagos. One of the highlights was performing for First Lady Hilary Clinton in the White House in 1997.

In addition to directing choirs, Conway enjoys the thrills and challenges of staging music theatre productions at school which have included Fiddler On The Roof, Joseph, Godspell, The King And I, Les Miserables, and Hairspray and Phantom Of The Opera.

Conway has recently been appointed Head of Music and Head of the Performing Arts Faculty in the new Ysgol Bro Dinefwr in Llandeilo which will open in September 2013.

Côr Dathlu Cwmtawe

FIRST TENOR

Roger Castle, Gareth J. Davies, Noel Davies, Gerald Evans,
Kelvin Gravell, John Griffiths, Rhydian Griffiths,
David Hewlett, Roy Higgins, Norman James, Glyndwr Jones,
Gerwyn Leyshon, Wyndam Lyttle, Lyndsey Morgan,
Nevil Owen, Jeff Ripton & Lyn Thomas

SECOND TENOR

Paul Baker, T. Wesley Brace, R. E. Phillip Davies,
Milton Evans, Eric Francis, Andrew Ingram, Howard Jones,
Gordon Llewellyn, Jeff Lloyd, Keith Long, John Moore,
David A. Owen, Phillip Turner,
Glanville Williams & Wyndam Williams

BARITONE

Erik Allen, Ian Andrews, Royden Bevan, Arwel Davies,
Michael Evans, Aubrey Jenkins, Glyn Jones, Terry Jones,
Vic Jones, John Manser, Allan Morgan, Keith Phillips,
Kenneth Richmond, Peter Soroka, Eddie Stovell,
Colin Stroud, William Thomas & John Watkins

BASS

Alan Brown, Arwyn Evans, Ken Evans, Alan George,
David J. Griffiths, Lyn Jenkins, Mansel Jones,
Ben Tudor Lewis, Eric Lloyd, Richard Morgan,
Selwyn Morris, W. Lyn Thomas,
Graham Watkins & Gwynne Watkins

Valley View High School Choir

SOPRANO

Hali Bargella, Paige Bliler, Jamie Bonacci, Adeline DeBella,
Noelle DiMattina, Emily Doherty, Sarah Ferrar, Ashley Fidler,
Trisha Gilla, Cammie Gillar, Kara Hirjak, Juliana Joyce,
Julie Krupka, Jenna Loomis, Ally McCartney, Gabby Miller,
Emilia Morales, Victoria Potoski, Paige Seeley,
Elizabeth Simmons, Yesenia Soden, Christina Torres,
Taylor Troiani, Autumn Vasile, Emily Williams, Julia Zadzura,
Janet Zhao & Nicole Zuzzio

ALTO

Cassie Bell, Delayne DePietro, Cassandra Dumas,
Alex Felkowski, Brea Hampton, Samantha Humen,
Anna Howey, Bryn Karlavige, Rachael Kilmer,
Kalèi Kowalchik, Kate Kraycer, Roxi Lameo,
Kaedy Masters, Samantha Matamoros-Patrick,
Julia Newberry, Diane Piccolino, Julia Romanovich,
Abigail Ropoch, Ryleah Ruffner, Alexandria Schultz,
Tara Sweeney, Emily Walter,
Lorna Yushinsky & Marissa Ziegler

TENOR

Brendan Dougher, #Eric Lee, Noah McKane, Joseph Morisco,
Christian Ramos-Salazar, Josh Rudolph & Justin Thomas

BASS

Noah Benjamin, Chris Benitez, * Kasidy Leggin, Jason Malone,
Connor McAndrew, Ryan McGinty, Kevin Mellow,
Austin Schimelfeig, Aaron Thompson & *Paul Vanvestraut

Strongly committed to promoting music education and choral excellence, **Gina Lupini** of Valley View School District is the choral director for middle and high schools and producer/co-director of the musical theatre productions (1994-2001 and 2010-present). Most recently directing "Sound of Music", "Phantom of the Opera", "Fiddler on the Roof", "West Side Story", "Hello, Dolly" and "Into the Woods". Throughout her tenure at Valley View she has taught Kindergarten through grade 12, directing various choral ensembles. Ms. Lupini is the founder and former director of the district's award winning select treble choir, *Vivace!* She was former conductor of Cantilena (ages 8-10), Camerata (TTBB) and Chantueses (SATB) three of six choirs in the Northeast Pennsylvania Choral Society's Children and Youth Programs. Ms. Lupini was a faculty member for the Performing Arts Institutes' Junior Music Program (grades five through eight). She was choral instructor for the Arts Alive Institute from 2002-2007 and administrative assistant from 1999-2001.

She is an active member in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), where she formerly served as Elementary Repertoire and Standards chair to the state board of ACDA-PA. She is also an active member of the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association (PMEA), serving as the High School Professional Development Representative and Choral Coordinator.

Ms. Lupini's choirs have attained consistent superior ratings in state choral competitions and have been invited to perform at various venues throughout the northeast region and the PMEA state convention. She has been a guest conductor for various choral festivals (Grades 4-12) and has presented interest sessions at state and division conventions on subjects pertaining to elementary and middle school choral repertoire.

Ms. Lupini earned her Music Education degree with a concentration in voice from Wilkes University. A summa cum laude graduate of Mansfield University, she earned a Master's degree in choral conducting, and was a recipient of a full scholarship serving as a graduate assistant for Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, Director of Choral Activities.

Ms. Lupini is active in her community, as she is a member of the Arcadia Chorale (formerly the Robert Dale Chorale) and cantor for the Diocese of Scranton and a member of the National Association for Pastoral Musicians (NPM). She has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Teacher of the Year by NEIU 19 and Teacher of the Month by WBRE-TV. Most recently, she received the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award.

Valley View School District has a long tradition of musical excellence and is most grateful and thankful for the continued support of the Valley View Administration, Valley View Community and most especially the Music Parents.

The **Valley View High School Choir** is an elective course which meets and rehearses every other day for ninety minutes. Numerous members of the choir have achieved choral honors within the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) and its state affiliate, the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA). Students have successfully auditioned for and performed in District, Region, All-State, All-Eastern and National Choirs.

They are active within the Valley View Community often performing for school events and beyond. The entire music department was featured for Music in Our Schools Month in March of 2014 on the local ABC Affiliate, WNEP-TV. The choir is under the direction of Gina Lupini and accompanied by Michael O'Malley and junior, Eric Lee.

Playing the piano in schools and churches since the time he was in elementary school, **Michael O'Malley** began studying music with Sharon Toman and later received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Marywood University where he studied piano with Thomas Hrynkiw and Dr. Rick Hoffenberg.

Michael currently serves as Director of Music and Liturgy at the Church of St. Gregory in Clarks Green where he also teaches general and choral music at Our Lady of Peace School. Having served as musical director and accompanist for numerous ensembles and theatre productions in high schools and other community venues over the years, Michael is currently very happy to be most closely associated with the Valley View School District, Scranton Preparatory School, and Act Out Theatre in Taylor.

Michael has been a faculty member of Marywood University's *Vivace Institute* and as well as a staff and board member of KISS (*Kids Innovating Stage and Sound*) Theatre Company. He also co-founded and served as musical director for *The Giving Gig*, a musical revue that featured students of all ages and raised funds for St. Joseph's Center in Scranton.

More recently, Michael has served as a presenter and facilitator of workshops on liturgical music in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton through the Diocesan Offices of Catholic Schools and Parish Life. Michael is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Scranton and he enjoys spending free time with his two dogs, Fynn and Zoey.

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